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# TOWN OF DORCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE

100 YEARS AGO		1897	
VALUATION FOR 1897		ASSESSMENTS 1897	
Polls, 97	\$ 9,700.00	Town Charges	\$1,000.00
Horses, 156	4,946.00	Highways	800.00
Oxen, 48	1,180.00	School Money	192.00
Cows, 118	2,992.00	Repairs, school houses	50.00
Neat Stock, 7	558.00	Voted School Money	125.00
Sheep, 250	386.00	State tax	225.00
Stock in trade	5,980.00	County tax	277.14
Mills and machinery	2,000.00	Overlay	111.44
Resident real estate	57,056.00		
Non-resident real estate	16,314.00		
	<hr/>	Total	<hr/>
	\$101,112.00	Rate per hundred	\$2,780.58
			\$2.75

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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS**

**OF THE TOWN OF  
DORCHESTER, N. H.**

**Year Ended**

**December 31, 1997**



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# DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 1997

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David A. Morrill (C) 2000

Nella H. Ashley '99

Vacant  
(Michael Landry to 1/15/98)

## MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson '98

## TOWN TREASURER

Walter H. Morgan '98  
Christine Morgan, Dep.

## TOWN CLERK

Martha Morrill '98  
Veronica Barton, Dep.

## TAX COLLECTOR

Delbert G. Pratt '98

## ROAD AGENT

Larry H. Walker '98

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Vacant (Jean R. Belair to 11/01/97)

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg 12/98

## HEALTH OFFICER

Selectmen

## PERMIT OFFICE

David Morrill, Slcmm.

## WELFARE DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Winslow Hallowell 2000

Brian A. Howe '99

Brenda A. Howe '98

## AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker '98

Cindy Azotea '98

## SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Christine Morgan '99

Marima Belair 2002

Marilyn Pratt '98

## PLANNING BOARD

Linda Landry '99

David Morrill, Slc. Rep. '99

Walter H. Morgan '99

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vacant

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Christine Morgan '98

Mary Morrissey '99

Rita Butcher '98

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Nella H. Ashley 2000

.W ellman Wright '99

Christine Morgan '98

## REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Michael A. Landry

## REPRESENTATIVES TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Vacant

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C) '99

Christine Morgan '99

Mary Morrissey 2000

Darlene Oakes 2000

Martha Walker '99

Nella H. Ashley, Slc. Rep.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Veronica Barton '98

## REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL

Herbert Noel

Ruby Noel

## MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen: Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
Phone: 786-9476

Town Clerk: Wednesday, 9a.m.-12 noon, 3:30 -6:00 p.m.  
Last Friday of month, 9 a.m. - 12 noon  
Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476

Tax Collector: No set time/hours. Town House Road  
Phone 523-7374 (Home)

Planning Board: 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Selectmen's Office. 786-9476

Board of Adjustment: As required. Selectmen's Office.

Library: To be determined.

Transfer Station: Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Check for changes in Summer hours  
(July 1 - Labor Day)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### In any emergency, please call 911

Fire:	Canaan	1-448-1212
	Rumney	1-524-1545
F.A.S.T. Squad	Canaan	523-4343
Police	(Troop F, Twin Mountain)	1-800-853-3411
		1-800-846-5517

# **TOWN WARRANT**

## **The State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Saturday, the 31st day of January 1998 at 10 o'clock in the a.m. for the Town Meeting's First Session.

You are hereby notified that the Second Session, Voting Day, will take place on Tuesday, the 10th day of March 1998 at the Town Hall between the hours of 11 o'clock in the a.m. and 7 o'clock in the p.m. to vote for Town officers, Town Warrant Articles, questions on the ballot, School officers and School Warrant Articles.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80 VI. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any such sale. Recommended by Selectmen.

4. Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? Recommended by Selectmen.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500.00) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	5,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	3,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purpose of painting and making repairs at the town Museum. Recommended by Selectmen.



7. To see if the Town will vote to approve a raise in the selectmen's pay from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per year to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. Recommended by Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to approve a change and raise in the road agent's pay as follows:

1st year as road agent.....\$20,800.00 (present salary)

2nd year and thereafter..... 22,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to approve a raise in the Town Treasurer's salary from eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per year to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year. Recommended by Selectmen.

10. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Dorchester Community Library with the Library Trustees to dispose of the library property in the best interests of the Town and in accordance with RSA 202-A:18, and with any funds realized from the sale of the property to revert to the town general fund and further to discontinue the office of Library Trustee in accordance with RSA 669:17-b. Recommended by Library Trustees and a majority of Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to construct a building to house the town offices, the amount not to exceed seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) of which thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) shall be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Town Building Fund (this to include the \$5,000.00 from this year's budget) and to authorize the selectmen to borrow the balance needed, which note shall be paid off over a period of ten years. (Requires 2/3 majority) Recommended by Selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Town's Purchase of Property Capital Reserve Fund and have these funds revert to the general fund. Recommended by Selectmen.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to do the necessary sitework for construction of a town office building of which eight thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and forty-seven cents (\$8,933.47) (the amount of the dissolved Purchase of Property Fund) shall be withdrawn from the general fund and to authorize the selectmen to borrow eleven thousand sixty-six dollars and fifty-three cents (\$11,066.53) in connection with the borrowing referred to above in Article 11. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.) Recommended by Selectmen.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of making repairs to Cheever Road. Recommended by Selectmen.

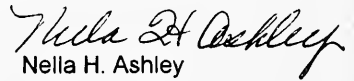
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-eight thousand five hundred twenty-four dollars and eight cents (\$178,524.08) to defray town charges. (This appropriation does not include the amounts raised in Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14.)

16. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of January 1998.



David A. Morrill



Nella H. Ashley

Selectmen, Town of Dorchester

Article 15 amended at 1st Session, January 31, 1998, to read as follows:

15. Shall the Town of Dorchester raise and appropriate an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one hundred eighty-two thousand five hundred twenty-four dollars and eight cents (\$183,524.08)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred dollars and eighty-two cents (\$179,500.82), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Dorchester or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.



# DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	GENERAL GOVT.	97 Appro.	1997 Expenditures	Overspent	Underspent	1998 Recommended
1	Officers' Salaries	\$10,000.00	\$10,332.94	\$332.94		\$11,000.00
2	Officers' Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$11,467.07		\$3,532.93	\$15,000.00
3	Election & Registration	\$1,800.00	\$648.57		\$1,151.43	\$1,800.00
4	Gen. Govt. Buildings	\$2,500.00	\$4,278.85	\$1,778.85		\$2,500.00
5	Planning & Developme	\$400.00	\$251.40		\$148.60	\$400.00
6	Property Appraisal	\$750.00	\$400.00		\$350.00	\$750.00
7	Legal Expenses	\$7,500.00	\$4,980.36		\$2,519.64	\$7,500.00
8	Regional Associations	\$1,400.00	\$1,440.00	\$40.00		\$1,500.00
9	Town Reports&Mailing	\$1,500.00	\$1,162.85		\$337.15	\$1,500.00
10	Timber Survey Fund	\$1,200.00	\$0.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
11	Cemeteries	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00			\$1,300.00
12	Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13						
14						
15	PUBLIC SAFETY					
16	Forest Fire Protection	\$1,000.00	\$226.68		\$773.32	\$1,000.00
17	Fire Dept. Contracts	\$15,000.00	\$9,601.87		\$5,398.13	\$15,000.00
18	Police Dept.	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
19	Animal Control	\$750.00	\$257.05		\$492.95	\$750.00
20	911 & Emergency Mgt.	\$1,500.00	\$1,467.10		\$32.90	\$1,500.00
21						
22	HWYS., STS., BRIDGES					
23	Town Maintenance	\$50,000.00	\$43,047.15		\$6,952.85	\$52,500.00
24	Hwy. Block Grant	\$28,210.94	Rec'd/Spent \$29,115.15			\$27,896.99
25	FEMA	\$5,187.00	\$4,890.78		\$296.22	\$0.00

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1997 Appro.	1997 Expenditures	Overspent	Underspent	1998 Recommended	
26						
27	SANITATION					
28	Solid Waste Disposal	\$10,849.00	\$10,849.25	\$0.25		\$11,779.00
29	PBSW & NHRRA Dues	\$103.88	\$103.88			\$248.09
30						
31	HEALTH					
32	Canaan FAST Squad	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00		\$2,500.00
33	VN & NH Visit. Nurses	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00			\$1,350.00
34	Plymouth Task Force	\$300.00	\$300.00			\$300.00
35	Sr. Citizens Council	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$525.00
36	Plymouth Reg. Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00			\$300.00
37						
38	WELFARE					
39	General Assistance	\$7,500.00	\$2,121.68		\$5,378.32	\$6,000.00
40	(includes CAP, Youth & Fam. Serv., Welfare Dir. salary & expenses					
41						
42	CULTURE/RECREATION					
43	Library	\$250.00	\$250.00			\$250.00
44						
45	DEBT SERVICE					
46	Int TA Loan	\$2,000.00	\$1,538.68		\$461.32	\$2,000.00
47						
48	MISCELLANEOUS					
49	Insurance	\$7,500.00	\$6,998.00		\$502.00	\$8,000.00
50	NH Unemployment Co	\$250.00	\$252.70	\$2.70		\$275.00
51	Tax Refunds	\$1,000.00	\$235.00		\$765.00	\$1,000.00
52	Bank Charge	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		
53						
54	Totals	\$179,500.82	\$151,677.01	\$2,664.74	\$31,392.76	\$178,524.08

	A	B	C	D	E	F
		1997 Appro.	1997 Expenditure	Underspent	Overspent	1998 Recommended
65						
66	SPECIAL APPRO.					
67	Cap. Res. Land Purcha	\$23,688.00	\$23,688.00			\$0.00
68	Paint/Repairs Twn. Hse	\$3,000.00	\$2,465.00		\$535.00	\$0.00
69	Cap. Res. Bridges	\$5,000.00	\$2,866.30		\$2,133.70	\$0.00
60	To Capital Reserves:					
61	Town Bldgs.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
62	Hwy Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
63	Bridges	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
64	Property Reval.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
65	Purch. Town Prop.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$0.00
66	Museum, Paint/Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,500.00
67	Raise Slicmn. Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,500.00
68	Raise R.A.'s Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,200.00
69	Raise Treas. Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$200.00
70	Cheever Road Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$5,000.00
71						
72	Totals - Special Appro.	\$48,188.00	\$45,519.30	\$0.00	\$2,668.70	\$24,900.00
73						
74	GEN. GOVT. APPRO.	\$179,500.82	\$151,677.01	\$2,664.74	\$31,392.08	\$178,524.08
75	SPECIAL APPRO.	\$48,188.00	\$45,519.30	\$0.00	\$2,668.70	\$24,900.00
76	TOTAL APPRO.	\$227,688.82	\$197,196.31	\$2,664.74	\$33,060.78	\$203,424.08

## SOURCES OF REVENUES

	A	B	C	D	E
3	SOURCE	'97 ESTIMATE	'97 ACTUAL	'98 ESTIMATE	
4					
5	TAXES				
6	Yield Taxes	\$18,000.00	\$27,747.37	\$22,000.00	
7	Interest & Penalties	\$4,000.00	\$2,396.74	\$4,000.00	
8	Land Use Change Tax	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	
9					
10	INTERGOVT - STATE				
11	Shared Revenues	\$7,939.00	\$5,326.00	\$5,326.00	
12	Hwy. Block Grant	\$28,210.94	\$29,115.08	\$27,896.99	
13	State/Fed. Forest Land	\$667.63	\$667.63	\$600.00	
14	Room & Meals Tax	\$2,500.00	\$4,191.99	\$3,500.00	
15	Forest Fire Training	\$150.00	\$138.02	\$150.00	
16	Mascoma School Dist.	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$120.00	
17					
18	INTERGOVT - FED.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
19					
20	LICENSES & FEES				
21	Motor Vehicles	\$22,000.00	\$29,647.00	\$27,000.00	
22	Dog Lic.	\$400.00	\$667.50	\$600.00	
23	Permits & Filing Fees	\$250.00	\$352.00	\$250.00	
24	UCC Fees	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	
25					
26	MISCELLANEOUS				
27	Int. on Deposits	\$1,500.00	\$815.05	\$800.00	
28	Planning & Developme	\$100.00	\$667.87	\$400.00	
29	Sup. of Chklist.	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	
30	Ins. Dividends/Refunds	\$0.00	\$448.12	\$0.00	
31	Pay. on Note - L. Carter	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
32	Ins. Claim - L. Carter	\$0.00	\$3,546.00	\$0.00	
33	NSF Checks Charges	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	
34	Photocopies	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$20.00	
35	Maps	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	
36	Sale of Town Property	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	
37	Fire Control - Franconi	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
38	TOTALS	\$86,277.57	\$107,251.37	\$93,882.99	
39					
40	OTHER FINANCING				
41	Withdraw Cap. Res.:				
42	Land Purchase	\$23,688.00	\$23,688.00	\$0.00	
43	Bridges Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,133.70	
44	TOTAL OF OTHER	\$28,688.00	\$28,688.00	\$2,133.70	
45					
46		\$86,277.57	\$107,251.37	\$93,882.99	
47		\$28,688.00	\$28,688.00	\$2,133.70	
48	TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$114,965.57	\$135,939.37	\$96,016.69	

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Net Land Values, 27,796.72 A.....	\$8,181,446.00
Less Tax Exempt Land.....	448,807.00
Net Taxable Land Value.....	\$7,692,639.00
C.U. Valuation, 24,991.81 A.....	1,070,532.00
Land (All Other, 2,172.94 A.....)	6,622,107.00
 Buildings (All).....	 \$9,387,123.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings.....	171,600.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation.....	\$9,215,523.00
 Public Utilities, NH Elect. Co-op. ....	 \$ 668,787.00
 Total Evaluation Before Exemption.....	 \$17,748,549.00
Elderly Exemptions .....	31,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed.....	<b>\$17,717,549.00</b>

## TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation.....	\$17,717,549.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed.....	\$ 344,607.75
Less War Service Credit .....	\$ 3,706.74
Net Property Tax Commitment.....	\$ 340,901.01
Tax Rate per \$1000 .....	\$ 19.45
Municipal...\$2.51      County...\$1.42      School...\$15.52	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Building.....	\$94,000.00
Contents.....	1,350.00
Selectmens' Office, Land & Building .....	30,900.00
Contents.....	5,000.00
Police Dept. Equip. ....	100.00
Highway Dept., Equipment & Materials.....	111,500.00
Historical Museum.....	12,400.00
Other Town Land .....	37,029.00
Forest Fire Equipment.....	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$293,279.00</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1997

**ASSETS:**

Cash on Hand .....	\$ 81,460.66
Funds in custody of Treasurer .	\$31,460.66
Unredeemed Taxes .....	95,111.46
Uncollected Taxes .....	59,614.46
Property Taxes .....	\$56,331.17
Yield Taxes .....	1,523.29
Land Use Change .....	1,760.00
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$236,186.58</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts owed by the Town:	
School Taxes Payable, Jan-Jun 1998 .....	\$139,667.28
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$139,667.28</b>
 <b>Fund Balance (Excess of Assets over Liabilities) .....</b>	 <b>\$ 96,519.30</b>

**Reconciliation:**

Fund Balance, December 31, 1996 .....	\$ 99,588.15
Fund Balance, December 31, 1997 .....	\$ 96,519.30
Change in Financial Condition .....	- \$ 3,068.85



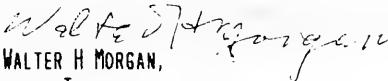


# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## December 31, 1998

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1997		\$85,685.96
RECEIVED FROM:		
TAX COLLECTOR	\$410,301.54	
TOWN CLERK	30,866.50	
SELECTMEN	223,928.57	
	-----	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		665,096.61
		-----
		750,782.57
PAYMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN		669,321.91
		-----
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1997		\$81,460.66
		=====
PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK		\$74,884.83
MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK		6,575.83
		-----
		\$81,460.66
		=====
LAND USE REGULATION FUND:		
RECEIVED	\$4,219.53	
INTEREST	104.42	
	-----	
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1997		\$4,353.13
		=====
MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK		\$4,353.13
		=====
INSURANCE FUND		
RECEIVED	\$1,091.98	
INTEREST	26.74	
	-----	
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1997		\$1,118.72
		=====
MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK		\$1,118.72
		=====

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
 WALTER H MORGAN,  
 TREASURER

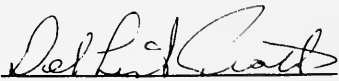
**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.**  
**Year Ending 12-31-97**

Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year:	1997	Prior
Property Taxes .....		\$55,250.81
Land Use Change .....		1,760.00
Yield Taxes .....		3,298.85
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes .....	\$340,632.42	
Yield Taxes .....	27,001.40	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes .....	490.00	6,307.33
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$368,123.82</b>	<b>\$66,616.99</b>

Remitted to treasurer during FY:		
Property Taxes .....	\$284,295.38	56,050.25
Yield Taxes .....	26,382.78	1,364.59
Interest .....	490.00	6,307.33
Abatements made .....		262.50
Uncollected Taxes, end of year:		
Property Taxes .....	\$56,331.17	0.00
Land Use Change .....	0.00	1,760.00
Yield Taxes .....	618.62	904.67
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$368,117.95</b>	<b>\$66,629.34</b>

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year .....	\$103,531.08
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year .....	29,092.84
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution .....	7,589.55
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$140,213.47</b>

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions .....	\$ 36,462.60
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution .....	7,589.55
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year .....	95,111.46
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$139,163.61</b>

  
 Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1997

Cash on Hand, 1/1/97 .....	\$ 100.00
Car Registration - 451 .....	\$29,406.00
Title Fees - 71 .....	142.00
Dog Licenses - 90 .....	593.50
Fees and Penalties .....	73.00
UCC Filings - 16 .....	240.00
Vital Statistics .....	138.00
Marriages .....	180.00
Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees) .....	69.00
Bounce Check Fee .....	28.00
 Total Remitted to Treasurer .....	 \$30,869.50
 Cash on Hand, 12/31/97 .....	 \$100.00



## AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly and properly vouched.

January 29, 1998

Martha Walker  
Cindy L. Azotea

## DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:	
Current Year .....	\$284,400.38
Interest .....	465.00
Prior Years .....	30,370.84
Interest .....	2,314.78
Redeemed Taxes:	
Lien Amount .....	36,461.60
Costs and Interest .....	7,589.55
Yield Taxes:	
Current Year .....	27,747.37
Interest .....	173.21
Land Use Change Tax .....	250.00
State:	
Highway Block Grant .....	29,115.08
Revenue Sharing .....	22,013.98
Rooms & Meals Tax .....	4,191.99
State Forest Land .....	667.63
Reimb. for Fire Training/Services .....	138.02
Motor Vehicles Fees .....	29,573.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties .....	666.50
Fees & Permits (Pistol, Vital Stats., Marriage Lic., etc).....	352.00
U.C.C. Fees .....	240.00
Planning Board .....	667.87
NHMA Ins. Trust (Claim against Town Officer's Bond) ..	3,546.00
Reimbursement from Lynn Carter .....	100.00
Contribution from Franconia Timber Co. (Fire Assist.) ....	500.00
NHMA Ins. Trust Dividend .....	448.12
From Capital Reserves .....	28,688.00
From George/Nadine Conkey NHMA COBRA Ins.) .....	4,026.89
Other:	
Supervisors of Checklis .....	20.00
Mascoma School District .....	40.00
Copies .....	49.00
Sale of Town Maps & Indexes .....	43.00
Sale of Old Town Road Equipment .....	300.00
Refund from Intertec Publishing .....	28.88
Interest on Deposits .....	815.08
Tax Anticipation Loan .....	120,000.00
Taxes bought by Town .....	29,092.84
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1997 .....</b>	<b>\$665,096.61</b>
Total Receipts for 1997 .....	\$665,096.61
Cash on hand, January 1, 1997 .....	\$ 85,685.96
Cash Available for 1997 .....	\$750,782.57
Balance on hand, December 31, 1997 .....	\$ 81,460.66

# DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.....	\$10,332.97
David A. Morrill, Selectman (Chairman).....	\$1,500.00
Michael A. Landry, Selectman.....	1,500.00
Nella H. Ashley, Selectman.....	1,500.00
Walter H. Morgan, Treasurer.....	800.00
Christine M. Morgan, Dep. Treasurer.....	60.00
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector.....	1,500.00
Marilyn Pratt.....	60.00
Martha J. Morrill, Twn Clk (Sal \$700., plus fees).....	2323.12
Veronica Barton, Dep. Town Clerk.....	60.00
Winslow Hallowell, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	50.00
Brenda Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	50.00
Brian Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	50.00
Martha Walker, Auditor.....	75.00
Cindy Azotea, Auditor.....	75.00
FICA.....	729.82
 TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES:.....	 \$11,466.97
Marima Belair, Sec./Bkkpr.....	\$7,116.87
FICA.....	544.46
Postage.....	658.03
Telephone.....	460.57
Office Supplies.....	421.46
Deed Copies.....	157.46
Legal Books.....	519.95
Legal Ads.....	19.60
Computer Service.....	890.59
Seminars/Workshops.....	35.00
Mileage.....	297.38
Copier Supplies.....	345.60
 REGISTRATION & ELECTION.....	 \$ 648.57
Henry Melanson, Moderator.....	66.50
Christine Morgan, Supervisor of Checklist.....	85.50
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist.....	115.00
Marima Belair, Supervisor of Checklist.....	100.00
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk.....	61.75
Rita Butcher, Ballot Clerk.....	57.00
Veronica Barton, Ballot Clerk.....	39.19
White Mountain Publishing, Legal Notices.....	58.80
Your Neighborhood Messenger, Legal Notices.....	19.60
Notarize Checklist.....	5.00
FICA.....	40.23

TOWN REPORTS OF 1996.....	\$ 1,162.85
Campton Printing & Design .....	\$ 1,162.85
LAND USE BOARDS .....	\$ 251.40
Postage .....	\$39.00
Establish Petty Cash Fund.....	50.00
Legal Ads, White Mtn. Publishing & Messenger .....	162.40
TOWN BUILDINGS.....	\$ 6,794.34
Selectmen's Office/Library:	
Ryzak Oil Co .....	\$509.06
NH Electric Co-op .....	201.79
Yeaton Oil.....	3,112.34
Oil.....	\$ 296.92
Service Call.....	58.42
New Furnace Installed....	2,207.00
New Oil Tank Installed....	550.00
Town House:	
Canaan Hardware .....	3.25
Telephone.....	348.40
Terry Goodspeed, Repairs & Remodeling .....	1,119.00
Merle Burke, Painting.....	1,490.00
Rumney Sand & Gravel .....	10.50
PROPERTY APPRAISAL.....	\$ 400.00
Jim Commerford, DRA.....	\$400.00
LAND PURCHASE (Streeter Woods Road).....	\$23,688.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Protection.....	\$ 9,601.87
Rumney Fire Dept .....	5,415.00
Canaan Fire Dept.....	4,186.87
Forest Fire Dept. ....	\$ 226.68
Jay Legg, Warden, Fire Training.....	\$ 32.19
Jay Legg, Warden, Permits Issued.....	166.31
FICA.....	15.18
Misc. Expenses.....	13.00
Animal Control.....	\$ 257.05
Jean R. Belair, Salary + mileage.....	\$257.05
LEGAL EXPENSES.....	\$ 4,980.36
Mitchell & Bates, PA.....	\$4,980.36
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES.....	\$77,053.08

Town Maintenance.....	\$43,047.22
Highway Block Grant.....	29,115.08
F.E.M.A.....	4,890.78
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.....</b>	<b>\$10,953.13.</b>
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station.....	\$10,849.25
Dues to PBSWD Planning & NHRRA.....	103.88
<b>DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY APPROPRIATION.....</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>
<b>HEALTH .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,479.04</b>
Senior Citizens' Council, Grafton Co.....	\$500.00
Visiting Nurses .....	1,350.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic .....	300.00
Plymouth Task Force Against Violence.....	300.00
Canaan FAST Squad .....	2,000.00
COBRA, Health Ins. Payments.....	4,029.04
<b>WELFARE.....</b>	<b>\$2,121.68</b>
General Assistance .....	\$1,029.35
Tri-County Assistance (CAP) .....	245.00
PB Youth & Family Services.....	100.00
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director's Salary.....	600.00
Expenses.....	76.43
FICA.....	45.90
Seminar .....	25.00
<b>REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.....</b>	<b>\$1,440.00</b>
NHMA Dues, 1997 & 1998.....	\$1,000.00
Town & City Subscription .....	10.00
Tax Collectors' Association .....	15.00
NH Health Officers' Association .....	10.00
NH Assessing Officials Association.....	20.00
Town Clerks' Association .....	20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Plan. Comm.....	365.00
<b>INSURANCE .....</b>	<b>\$7,250.70</b>
NHMA Property/Liability Insurance .....	\$3,007.00
Workman's Comp. Ins. (Liberty Mutual) .....	3,991.00
Compensation Funds of NH .....	252.70
<b>TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN .....</b>	<b>\$29,092.84</b>

TAX REFUNDS.....	\$ 235.00
GRAFTON COUNTY TAX.....	\$26,441.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	\$ 577.50
Search & Copy Fees.....	\$116.00
Marriage License Fees.....	190.00
Animal Population Control Fees.....	271.50
CAPITAL RESERVES.....	\$18,633.70
Town Building Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	5,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property.....	1,000.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	3,000.00
Return to Bridges Fun.....	2,133.70
MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT.....	\$292,666.89
DEBT SERVICE.....	\$121,548.68
Tax Anticipation Loan.....	\$120,000.00
T.A.Loan Interest.....	1,538.68
Bank Charge.....	10.00
E911 & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.....	\$1,467.10
Telephone.....	\$18.10
Road Signs.....	1,449.00
PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.....	\$669,321.91
Receipts January 1, 1997 thru December 31, 1997.....	\$665,006.61
Cash on hand, January 1, 1997.....	\$ 85,685.96
Cash Available.....	\$750,782.57.
Disbursements, January 1, 1997 thru December 31, 1997.....	\$669,321.91
Cash on hand, December 31, 1997.....	\$ 81,460.66





# 1997 ROADS MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL.....\$28,010.49

Larry H. Walker, Road Agent .....\$15,085.00  
Jonathan Conkey .....4,315.88  
Louis Delsart .....3,617.50  
Gary Walker .....790.25  
John Reitsma.....290.50  
David Conkey .....85.00  
Martha Walker .....42.00  
Larry Walker, Jr.....45.00  
Michael Barton .....35.00  
FICA .....1,862.75  
BC/BS.....1,007.26  
Retirement.....834.35

SUB-CONTRACTORS.....\$13,011.50

David Conkey, Plowing .....\$2,842.00  
Paul Skipper, Road Work.....288.00  
David Brown, Towing.....55.00  
Ed. Latulippe, Trucking .....382.50  
B & B Trucking .....220.00  
Lyman Trucking.....612.50  
Albert Clogston, Skidder use.....280.00  
Jim Parris, Trucking.....120.00  
R. Remacle, Bridge re-building .....4,056.50  
Ireland Lumber, Sawing.....1,080.00  
R. Witcher, Mowing & Sweeping .....935.00  
R. Bixby, Trucking .....360.00  
Comeau Trucking .....1,780.00

MOTOR FUEL.....\$3,417.27

Yeaton Oil Co. ....\$2,628.54  
Yeaton Parts & Service .....41.70  
Shortts' Garage .....162.06  
Ryezak Oil Co. ....389.94  
Big A Plymouth.....195.03

TRUCK EXPENSE.....\$3,768.25

Sanel Auto Parts .....\$495.34  
Dean Yeaton .....24.00  
Auto Air Plus.....626.40  
Big A Plymouth.....462.25  
Yeaton Parts & Service .....1,476.40  
Larry Walker, Jr.....145.00

David Morrill .....	24.50
NH Municipal Truck Parts & Service ..	26.00
Wilson Tire Co. ....	138.00
Rheinhardt Buick-GMC .....	78.68
J & B International Trucks .....	271.68

**REPAIR, PURCHASE OR RENTAL OF OTHER EQUIPMENT ..\$15,228.67**

Kibby Equipment .....	1,124.61
Andy Moglia, Welding .....	270.00
The Rental Center, Purchase .....	295.00
Iroquois Machinery, Sander .....	6,870.00
Big A Plymouth, Parts .....	150.65
David Morrill, Repairs .....	155.50
Small Engine Technology .....	42.70
Yeaton Parts & Service .....	656.50
Gary Walker, Dozer Rental .....	500.00
NH Municipal Truck Parts & Service ..	977.68
NH Municipal Truck, Sander .....	1,650.00
Townline Equipment, Parts .....	38.46
Pemi Glass, Glass on Backhoe .....	79.49
Ryezak .....	3.20
GMC Tuck Purchase .....	2,414.88

**MAINTENANCE MATERIALS .....**\$9,666.76

C.E. Neily, Sand .....	\$700.00
Rumney Sand & Gravel .....	4,644.20
Joseph Landry, Rock Fill .....	150.00
Ireland, Bridge Planks .....	1,080.00
Latulippe, Sand .....	215.94
Granite State Minerals, Salt .....	1,072.06
R. Bixby, Sand .....	616.00
Pike Industries, Cold Patch .....	1,188.56

**GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE .....**\$3,950.14

Ronald & Josephine Milburn, Rent ..	\$800.00
Yeaton Agway .....	185.48
Canaan Hardware .....	60.87
Burning Bush .....	172.79
Small Engine Technology .....	12.00
Martha Walker, Roofing .....	40.00
The Feed Store .....	143.25
J & B Trucking .....	60.99
Townline Equipment .....	239.14
Larry Walker, Mileage .....	149.50
Nynex, Telephone .....	266.11

Bell Atlantic, Telephone .....	123.14
A T & T, Telephone .....	38.01
Yeaton Parts & Service .....	86.50
Ryezak Oil Co. ....	13.50
Sanel Auto Parts .....	111.36
Louis Delsart, Electrical Work .....	51.17
Ireland Lumber .....	41.58
NH Electric Co-op.....	1,054.75
Establish Petty Cash Fund.....	300.00

**-SUMMARY-**

PAYROLL.....	\$28,010.49
SUB-CONTRACTORS .....	13,011.50
MOTOR FUEL.....	3,417.27
TRUCK EXPENSES.....	3,768.25
OTHER EQUIPMENT .....	15,228.67
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS .....	9,666.76
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE .....	3,950.14
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$77,053.08</b>



# **DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

## **1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

First, let me begin by reporting that very few people have been using the Library the past year or so which, I expect, is due at least in part these days to both parents in many, or perhaps most, families being in the workforce.

The Trustees temporarily closed the Library as of January 1, 1998, due to some Disability Act compliance and State Library system rules concerns.

The Trustees have placed an Article on the warrant for discontinuance of the Library (Article 10) which the Trustees unanimously recommend. To keep the Library operational for what is now a few patrons would require a substantial increase in cost to the Town. We also have staffing problems. Even with our volunteers, there were times when it was difficult to fill a schedule of one person for a couple of hours on Wednesday and Saturday. A State Library consultant met with us last fall and told us of new State Library system rule they were working on which, if passed, calls for two persons on duty for a 15 hour week. If our Library is not discontinued, we would now probably have to add some personnel costs.

The proposed new municipal building addresses the space needs of Town Officials but doesn't include the Library. Thus we can probably expect increased cost to the Town (if the Library is not discontinued) for heating supplies, repairs and electricity at both the current Library site and the new municipal building site if erected. I am uncertain if the current Library building is in good enough condition to consider making any addition or renovations. If the Library is continued, for emergency reasons, it will have to have phone service installed as well.

I felt it important my report relate to you the major areas of concern which were discussed at length that resulted in the Trustees unanimous recommendation that our Library be discontinued.

I will have Alice Melanson put in her column specific dates and times when the Trustees and Friends of the Library will have the Library open for the purpose of working on State Library Annual Report figures and so that you can return Library books you have out on loan. We hope all books can be returned by voting day on March the 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrissey, Trustee

# 1997 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

**Balance from 1997 .....\$ 33.32**

## **INCOME:**

1997 Town Appropriation.....\$250.00

Book Sales.....11.75

Book Sales.....3.25

Refund on flagholder.....2.99

**Total Income .....\$267.99**

**Total Cash Available .....\$301.31**

## **EXPENSES:**

Insurance on Library Contents.....\$125.00

Flagpole Holder.....2.99

National Geographic Magazine.....27.00

**Total Expenses .....\$154.99**

**Balance on hand, December 31, 1998 .....\$146.32**



# 1997 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

## Lucy Hazen Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	\$232.62
Interest 1997 .....	11.27
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$243.89

## Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	710.79
Interest 1997 .....	34.48
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$745.27

## Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	1,183.84
Interest 1997 .....	57.46
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$1,241.30

## J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	\$169.85
Interest 1997 .....	8.25
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$178.10

## Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$297.76
Interest 1997 .....	14.53
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$312.29

## Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	\$1,871.80
Interest 1997 .....	90.85
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$1,962.65

## Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	\$20,944.26
New Funds 1997 .....	5,000.00
Interest 1997 .....	1,378.67
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$27,322.93

Purchase Property Fund

Balance 12/31/1996 .....	\$30,801.42
New Funds 1997 .....	1,000.00
Expended 1997 .....	23,688.00
Interest 1997 .....	821.05
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$8,934.47

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance 12/31/1996 .....	\$50,216.52
New Funds 1997 .....	5,000.00
Interest 1997 .....	2,891.80
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$58,108.32

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/96 .....	\$14,211.72
New Funds .....	4,633.70
Expended 1997 .....	5,000.00
Interest 1997 .....	785.30
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$14,630.72

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance 12/31/96 .....	\$6,593.40
New Funds 1997 .....	3,000.00
Interest 1997 .....	481.94
Balance, 12/31/97 .....	\$10,075.34



Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda A. Howe  
Brian A. Howe  
Winslow Hallowell  
Trustees of Trust Funds

# 1997 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

This year we started putting up a new post and rail fence at the Dorchester Cemetery. In the spring, we hope to get more fence.

Thirty dollars (\$30.00) had to be added to the 1996 December balance as the check to the American Legion Post #76 was not cashed; therefore, instead of \$244.83, the balance is \$274.83.

Receipts:

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1996 .....	\$ 274.83
Town Appropriation .....	1300.00
Sale of cemetery lot .....	150.00
Bank interest earned .....	18.50
Total Receipts .....	\$1743.82

Payments:

Dorchester Cemetery .....	\$ 322.00
Town House Cemetery .....	220.00
Cheever Cemetery .....	175.00
North Dorchester Cemetery .....	95.00
American Legion Post #76 (flags) .....	30.00
Steenbeke (post & rail fence) .....	254.20
SS & Medicare taxes .....	62.12
IRS - late penalty .....	8.01
Bank service charge .....	60.00
Total payments .....	\$1226.33

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1997 .....

	\$ 517.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Christine M. Morgan  
 Wellman W. Wright  
 Nella H. Ashley

Cemetery Committee





# DORCHESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Founded in 1966, the Dorchester Historical Museum is open during the summer months, late May through early October, on Sunday afternoons 2-4 p.m. At other times it will be opened for special visits by interested parties or persons seeking historical data by contacting Nella Ashley at 786-9363 or Mary Morrissey at 523-7716.

We have data on 83 early Dorchester families, listings from the gravestones in over 15 cemeteries, census records beginning in 1790 and inventories from 1785.

We are supported by contributions from our many visitors and interested citizens. Very large contributions in 1997 came from Bob Green who now owns the vast estate of the late Ruth Park and from Dr. Angela Fayerabend, wife of Colonel Albion Bergstrom.

A special acquisition this year was the addition of two fine display cases crafted by John Franz "Gray Barn" craftsmen which enable us to safely display the compass and chain used to lay out the lots of the town in 1772 and the Proprietors' handbook recording this event.



## DORCHESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

ESTABLISHED JUNE 26, 1966

# REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of NH are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000. and/or a year in jail. Violators also are liable for all fire suppression costs.

Ten Forest Rangers work for the NH Div. of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. They are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. Any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws? Please call 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions of the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of NH operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

## 1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES</u>	
<u>REPORTED</u>			
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
		Fireworks	16
TOTAL FIRES	726		
TOTAL ACRES	177.17		
<u>Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger</u>		<u>Jay Legg, Forest Fire</u>	
<u>Warden</u>			

# **TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

**Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties  
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, NH 03570  
1-800-552-4617**

## **1997 COMMUNITY CONTACT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER**

Community Contact is the field services arm of Tri-County Action. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve problems and to meet their physical and financial needs. Community Contact staff accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and utilizing community resources.

Last year the following direct financial assistance was provided by the CAP Community Contact Program in Dorchester:

	# of households	amount of direct assistance
Fuel Assistance 1996-1997	3	\$1,320.00
Weatherization	1	717.96
	Total direct assistance	\$2,037.96

We also provided these services to the community:

Served as a conduit for government surplus food to pantries and soup kitchens serving the area.

Provided budget counseling that includes money management, debt management and financial planning to area households.

Provided information and referral to 3 Dorchester families regarding matter such as legal problems, landlord-tenant disputes, emergency home repairs, health-medical resources, transportation and electric utility assistance and conservation programs.

With your help, we anticipate being able to provide at least the same level of services to Dorchester this year. The Dorchester area is served by the CAP outreach office in the Whole Village Resource Center in Plymouth.

# **PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC**

**258 Highland Street**

**Plymouth, NH 03264**

**(603) 536-4467**

**at the Whole Village Family Resource Center**

The Plymouth Regional Clinic is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance. The clinic has been open one evening a week since July 1994 and has provided care for almost 900 patient visits. The Clinic is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

## **Services:**

Medical care provided is free, but patients may need to pay for some referral services, tests and prescriptions. The Clinic cannot provide the following: emergency care, obstetrical care, family planning or screening for sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., VD, HIV). We will assist patients in securing these services elsewhere. Many clinic evenings a social worker will be available to provide information on other programs or services which may be of assistance.

## **About Our Staff:**

Everyone who works at the Clinic is a volunteer. The physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and social workers are all area professionals who enable the Clinic to provide quality health care. They take turns working at the Clinic so patients may not see the same health provider on each visit.

## **Where and When:**

Family Planning has allowed the Clinic to use their offices at the Whole Village Family Resource Center, 258 Highland Street in Plymouth on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Patients are seen on a "walk-in" basis; there is no need to make an appointment. We do our best to keep the wait as short as possible.

## **Who is Eligible:**

The Clinic serves people who have no health insurance and who see income falls below the given guidelines. Those who have Medicaid, Medicare, or private health insurance (either individually or through an employer) are eligible. If you have questions about eligibility or services, call (603) 536-4467.

The Clinic has managed to keep its operating expenses low through the generous donation of in-kind services and space by Family Planning, Plymouth State College, Spears Hospital and area businesses and volunteer services. We are seeking funds to for three main purposes: to cover cost of insurance, medical and office supplies, and licensing fees; to hire a part-time administrator to ensure an effective ongoing operation; and to create a fund to allow the clinic to pay for patient prescriptions--one of the highest medical costs many patients face.

# SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County

PO Box 433

Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

(603) 448-4897

## 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 21 older residents of Dorchester were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, through the Mascoma Area Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 584 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 7 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 335 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 72 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 320 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Dorchester residents in 1997 was \$6,162.25.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Dorchester were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Dorchester community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol Dustin  
Executive Director



# GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

## Statistics for the Town of Dorchester October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 21 Dorchester residents (out of 64 residents over age 60, 1990 Census).

	Units of Service	x Unit Cost =	Total Cost
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	591	\$ 4.90	\$2,895.90
Transportation Trips	335	7.01	2,348.35
Adult Day Service Hours	-0-	3.11	-0-
Social Services - Half-hours	72	12.75	918.00
Activities	18	N/A	

Number of Dorchester Volunteers: 3.    Number of Volunteer Hours: 320.

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GCSCC cost to provide services for Dorchester residents only.....	\$6,162.25
Request for Senior Services for 1997.....	500.00
Received from Town of Dorchester for 1997.....	500.00
Request for Senior Services for 1998.....	525.00

**Notes:**

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 12%, In-Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.



# **TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**PO Box 53  
Plymouth, NH 03264  
Crisis Line (603) 536-1659  
Office: (603) 536-3423**

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During 1997, your contribution helped the 575 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 37 women and children that were housed at the Task Force shelter. The following Task Force services are provided free of charge:

24-hour crises line staffed by trained volunteers.

Confidential emergency shelter, food and transportation for victims of domestic violence.

Support groups for domestic violence survivors. Separate support groups serve adults and children.

Hospital and police accompaniment. Court and social service advocacy.

Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, etc. Training programs for volunteers, law enforcement, and other professionals.

Walk-in office at Whole Village Family Resource Center.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Amy Gilsdorf  
Administrative Director

Serving the Towns of: Alexandria - Ashland - Bridgewater - Bristol - Campton - Dorchester  
Ellsworth - Groton - Hebron - Holderness - Lincoln - Plymouth - Rumney - Thornton - Warren  
Waterville Valley - Wentworth - Woodstock



# PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC. 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

This organization, which is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches to aid in the development of healthy youths and their families, is currently coordinating six programs. The programs are available to people in Eastern Grafton County, from Lincoln to Alexandria.

1. Juvenile Court Diversion - a voluntary program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. Graduates from Diversion in 1995 and 1996, 92.5% have not committed a subsequent offense.

2. OSS (Opportunities for Suspended Students) - Uses community-based approach to connect families to services in the region. Works with students & families from Plymouth High who are at-risk of losing course credits due to repeated suspension.

3. The Challenge Course - a 15-hr. early intervention program for teens on issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS. Discussions to assess their relationships with these substances and how to reduce or stop using them.

4. The Rated PG Program - a program for parents and guardians to learn more about alcohol and other drugs and how to talk with young people about them. Provides information on how to reduce the risk of experiencing an alcohol-related problem.

5. OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol & Other Drugs) - offered in cooperation with local police departments and PSC, open to those between the ages of 18-21. A lifetime risk-reduction program on use and abuse of drugs.

6. Information and Referral - Provides information on how to access regional human service agencies and programs. The Council distributed 750 Guide to Community Resources in 1997 to schools, police, towns and other human service providers to find services for the people they work with.

Total service figures for the Council in 1997:

Juvenile Court Diversion.....	25	OSS Program (started 11/97).....	4
Challenge Course.....	28	Rated PG (started 10/97).....	6
Information and Referral.....	166	8th Grade Conference.....	200
OCTAA.....	38		

Steven P. Bradley, Executive Director



# **RAYMON S. BURTON, COUNCILOR**

## **DISTRICT ONE**

**State of New Hampshire**

**RR 1, Box 106**

**Woodsville, NH 03785**

**Tel. (603) 747-3662 Car Phone 481-0863**

**State House (603) 271-3532**

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers to gain information throughout this district:

Aids Hotline .....	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families.....	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities .....	1-800-852-3793
Consumer Complaints, Insurance .....	1-800-852-3416
Disabilities Assistance.....	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance .....	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance.....	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance.....	911
Employment Opportunities .....	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information.....	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library.....	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police.....	1-800-525-5555
NH Tech. Community Colleges .....	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24 hour).....	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief.....	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council.....	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept. ....	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor .....	1-800-262-4353
NH Housing Authority.....	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't. ....	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline.....	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found .....	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation.....	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.

# **UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Our economic development program for communities in Grafton County has certainly grown this year! The program is fully staffed and funded for two years. In order to qualify for certain State funds, it was necessary to create a new organization, the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV). Governed by its own board, EDCUV contracts with UVLSRPC for staff and office space. EDCUV offers community development services, individualized business assistance, and a revolving loan fund, with financing available to businesses in the \$15,000. to \$50,000. range. It has been exciting getting EDCUV up and running. This would not have been possible without your support and the dedicated work of our Economic Development Coordinators. Please give us a call to find out how EDCUV can assist with your community development needs or specific business request. Our Commission looks forward to a long and productive partnership with EDCUV.

Thanks are also due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. In New Hampshire, the Dept. of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allow some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our Commission to continue our commitment to environmental programs.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Dorchester residents, staff and board members have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Dorchester included:

Suggested potential funding sources for the renovation of the Dorchester Church. Offered further assistance as requested.

Met with Selectmen to discuss economic development needs and to introduce them to economic development programs in the region and state.

Provided a packet of information about potential funding sources.

Met with a Dorchester business person to discuss financial assistance, a business plan and financials.

Created a new regional economic development corporation, Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV) to assist the town and local businesses.

Provided Planning Board with definitions for "lot" and standards for service roads.

Reviewed Subdivision Regulations and provided written comments at a Planning Board Meeting.

Research and recommended grant options for rehabilitation of historical Compiled area and population data for the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Kept the Town updated on potential grant funding sources.

Began update of two-page economic initiative summary to be made available on the Internet and in brochure form.

Maintained geographic information system data for Dorchester.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Dorchester in the coming year.



**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT  
AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.  
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER**

We are very grateful for the continued support Dorchester provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.

Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.

Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who: are recovering from surgery; have an acute illness or disability; require long term care; need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Dorchester.

The following services were provided in the Town of Dorchester during the past year.

Nursing	Visits <del>7/1/96</del> -6/30/97 15	Family Support Services - 3 individuals Women, Infant, Children Clients -9 Clinic Visits - 38
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On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

# **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

## **1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met seven times during the 1997 calendar year. The District continued its work of organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives.

In June of 1997, the District held its biennial Household Hazardous Waste collection day. The collection sites were held at three district town's facilities (Ashland, Plymouth and Campton/Thornton) where over 1,950 gallons of materials were collected. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Plymouth and Rumney also collected paint and batteries or recycling year round resulting in the collection of an additional 500 gallons of paint. The District received grants from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Service (NHDES) to help cover the disposal and coordination costs of both programs.

This was our first year for a fluorescent light tube collection program. All of the District's towns collected tubes at their facilities. In August and December the collected tubes were brought to the Plymouth facility where they were picked up for recycling by Global Recycling Technologies. This was a very successful program as we recycled nearly 5000 feet of light tubes.

During the upcoming year the District committee will again organize and coordinate paint and battery and fluorescent light tube recycling and will continue to explore possible options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation and recycling. Citizens interested in participating in the process are welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town receives notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berti, Chairman  
Daniel Woods, District Coordinator



# VITAL STATISTICS

## DORCHESTER, NH

### **BIRTHS**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Plymouth, NH	11/04/97	Williams, Isaac George	Jaye Ellen Blanchette Donald Allan Williams

### **MARRIAGES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
02/14/97	Paul E. Skipper Janet M. Kummer	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
04/19/97	Daniel Lee Conkey Dawn Marie Curran	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
04/23/97	Jere J. Heath Edith Goldy Hull	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
07/19/97	Jamie Scott Wood Jessica Mae Andrews	Francestown, NH Dorchester, NH
08/16/97	John H. Day Cathy L. Cote	Bristol, NH Dorchester, NH

### **DEATHS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Parents</u>
10/06/97	Dorchester	George C. Conkey, Sr.	Albert R. Conkey Irene Avery
11/01/97	Plymouth	Jean R. Belair, Sr.	Leonidius Belair Reosealda Brousseau
11/14/97	Wentworth	Terry Goodspeed	Edward Goodspeed Evonne Caron
12/02/97	Hanover	Margaret Carter	Onis J. Martel Mildred Blood

# **SUMMARY OF 1997 DORCHESTER FIRST AND SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS AND ELECTIONS**

The Town of Dorchester's First Deliberative Session (Town Meeting) met at the Town Hall on Saturday, the 11th day of March 1997 at 7:00 P.M. to determine whether Warrant Articles would appear on the Ballot as written or as amended. The meeting took approximately one hour.

The Second Deliberative Session was held at the Town Hall on Saturday the 29th day of March at 10:00 A.M. to read the results of the First Deliberative Session.

Articles 1 through 13 were voted on Tuesday, April 8, 1997 at the Town Hall. The polls were opened at 11:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. Voting for the Mascoma Valley Regional School District Warrant Articles were also voted on at this time.

Number of voters on the checklist: 241

Number of voters who voted: 116

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of the election are as follows:

Selectman for 3 years - David Morrill

Treasurer for 1 year - Walter H. Morgan

Tax Collector for 1 year - Delbert Pratt

Town Clerk for 1 year - Martha J. Morrill

Road Agent for 1 year - Larry Walker, Sr.

Auditor for 1 year, choose two - Martha Walker and Cindy Azotea

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years - Winslow Hollowell

Trustee of Cemetery for 3 years - Martha Walker

Library Trustee - Rita Butcher

Article 2. To see if the Town will adopt polling hours in Dorchester at all Federal Elections, to become effective upon passage of this article, under which the polls shall open not later than 11 o'clock in the morning.

Article passed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in

accordance with RSA 80:80. This shall include the authority to deed a parcel back to the previous owner in return for payment of all past due taxes, which would have been assessed if the property had not been tax deeded. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any such sale. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-B, and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for which the town may legally appropriate money? Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	5,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property Fund.....	1,000.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	3,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$23,688.00) for the purchase of 9.87 acres of land located on Streeter Road, a portion of lot #380, currently owned by Ronald and Josephine Milburn, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the Capital Reserve Purchase Property Fund. This article is designated as a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of painting the exterior of the Town Hall and for painting and minor repairs to the kitchen. This article is designated as a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustee shall be



deemed to bind the town or the library trustee to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of such gift, valued at over \$5,000. the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. (Petitioned article). Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the repairing of Town Bridges, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation will be non-lapsing until December 31, 1998. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 11. To see if the Town will modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Dorchester, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$13,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$18,000.; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$23,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000. or if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400. and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 12. As amended, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to study the issue of requiring road damage and/or fire protection bonds for activities on Class VI roads, private roads, or on any way or property not normally maintained by the Town or serviced by commonly used emergency vehicles. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 13. Shall the Town of Dorchester raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$179,500.82? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$172,401.90, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article passed.



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# 100 YEARS AGO 1897

## SCHOOL REPORT

To the citizens of Dorchester:

In presenting our annual report, it is gratifying to say that our schools for the past year, have been as profitable and successful as those of previous years.

A few pupils seem to show to little regard for regular and punctual attendance, it is annoying to teachers and a hindrance to the best welfare of the school to have pupils habitually tardy and absent. There is not one child in town but what needs every hour of schooling it can get from the time it is six to sixteen years of age, and we trust that parents will in the future try and send their children to school more promptly. It is the duty of parents to send their children to school regularly.

In some cases we have been unfortunate in securing teachers while in others quite the reverse, and our greatest failures have been with those who were highly educated and well recommended, still our good success in the others we think will atone for the failures, and on the whole we feel very well satisfied that so much has been accomplished. It is not only essential that we secure teachers competent to impart book knowledge, but to maintain discipline. None will deny that proper school government is of the very first importance, a most serious question. Does the whole responsibility of securing such government rest wholly on the teacher? Cannot parents do something to promote this end by cooperating with the teachers. At all events let it be a principle that so long as the child is a member of the school, his thorough and uniform obedience to the school authority shall be insisted upon. It is somewhat surprising that some parents take so little interest in the education of their children, that they cannot find time to visit the school. Parents should visit the school and encourage the teacher, and follow the children with their sympathies in their daily tasks.

Our schools are the making of the rising generation for future usefulness. The children in these schools will soon fill our places, and whether with honor or dishonor depends largely on the training we give them, and we respectfully ask the voters of this town to give us more schooling for our children. We need at least twenty-four weeks or more. The last year we have had nineteen weeks, while in years past we have had only fifteen weeks.

Hoping we can prolong the school, year by year, we remain your humble servants,

HERMAN L. POQUETT,  
GEO. B. FELLOWS.  
EZRA J. GOSS,  
School Board

